

CIVIL SERVICE LEAGUE ROUSED BY DISMISSALS

Calls Conference Here To Consider Questions Raised by Bureau. REMOVALS SOUGHT LAST SEPTEMBER Former Employee Charged Graft in Appeal to Senator Watson.

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING. Alarmed by President Harding's dismissals in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, other summary removals of civil service employees and reported plans of the administration to restrict operations of the merit rule generally, the National Civil Service Reform League has called a conference of all interested organizations and individuals to meet here April 27.

The league's announcement says that "the purpose of the conference is to consider various questions involved in the administration of the civil service laws which have recently come to public attention."

The call for the conference was signed by Acting President William Dudley Foulke, who was a Civil Service commissioner under President Roosevelt.

Clean-out Long Planned. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing is in for close scrutiny by the conference. More evidence is coming to light daily of the extensive campaign conducted by the bureau to remove from the rolls of the new director, Louis A. Hill, to oust Wilmett and give the plum to Hill.

The aid of Senator Watson, Indiana, in behalf of the plan was enlisted last September by Dr. L. W. McKenzie, who formerly had been employed in charge of the bureau dispensary and was seeking reinstatement.

After calling at the Senator's office and leaving with his secretary the details of the plan, Dr. McKenzie wrote Senator Watson under date of September 21 explaining the bureau's attitude toward the "clean-out" of the bureau.

These things are practiced with unblinking effrontery and the seated corruption threatens to wreck the plant. The brazen manner in which some get away with petty graft raises the question of the conduct of the bureau, where billions in United States securities are stored.

WHAT, ANOTHER SHAVE SO SOON?—By J. N. Darling



BLAZE OF COLORS MARKS DISTRICT'S EASTER DISPLAY

Crowds in Spring Finery Throng Churches and Thoroughfares. Washington's Easter display of spring finery rivaled the splendor of the spectrum.

F. street, Connecticut avenue, Massachusetts avenue, Pennsylvania avenue—in fact, all of the principal downtown thoroughfares, as well as the parkways in all sections of the city—had the red at one end and the violet at the other, like the orthodox rainbow, but between these colors were canary, purple, vermillion, pink, blue, and yellow.

These multi-colored were so generally in evidence among the season's smartest chapeaux and dress creations that a woman clad in modest black or dark blue, attracted the same amount of attention as did flaming red habits several years ago.

Spring Weather Prevails. Few modistes agree as to the proper style or length of skirts, according to the varied patterns and lengths which were included in yesterday's fashion parade, which, warmed by the sun of an ideal spring day, was declared the "greatest ever" in the Nation's Capital.

Prince of Wales' Tokyo Hotel Burns Escapes Blaze by Attendance At Imperial Party; 3 Lose Lives.

TOKYO, April 16.—While the Prince of Wales and his whole suite were attending an Imperial cherry blossom party the Imperial Hotel, where the majority of the suite lodged, was completely destroyed by fire. On account of the Prince of Wales stopping there, the hotel was filled with 300 foreign guests, who lost practically everything.

The Prince of Wales' first step today was to receive representatives of Tokyo papers at his palace. The pressmen were present when the prince addressed 15,000 Sunday school children, who were massed before the palace. At the cherry blossom fete the Empress Regent and the Prince of Wales walked abreast through the bowing lines of 2,000 guests.

McCormack Gains UNDER WIFE'S CARE. NEW YORK, April 16.—Mrs. John McCormack, wife of the famous Irish tenor, has had only thirty minutes' sleep during the four days and nights of the singer's serious illness, so constant has been her vigil.

For four nights she has sat just outside her husband's bedroom door, supervising the two night nurses, and each day pie has as watchfully directed the two day nurses.

DISTRICT WOMAN'S SHOUTS FRIGHTEN JOHN D.'S CHURCH

"Come to Me and Get Love Of Lord," She Cries at Easter Service. NEW YORK, April 16.—Easter services were nearly over in John D. Rockefeller's church, the Park Avenue Baptist, this morning, when a tall, handsome, titian-haired woman, sitting in the middle of the auditorium and dressed in white silk, rose to her feet.

"Come over to me and get the love of the Lord," she shouted. All around her there were gasps. The service stopped. The Park Avenue Baptist Church is the wealthiest of its creed in the world. Both John D. Rockefeller and his son, John D. Jr., and many other wealthy men were present.

Down the aisle as the woman started to speak again, came Clarence B. Davidson, an usher, and major in the police reserves. He took the woman gently by the arm and asked her to leave quietly.

Wants to Preach. "Take me down front—I want to preach," she told him. "I want to tell these people that if they want the love of the Lord they must come to me."

FRANCE FAVORS ARMS HOLIDAY, ASSERS STEED

Mere Pledge Not to Attack Useless, Says British Editor. COERCIVE CLAUSE NEEDED, HE AVERS Warns Bolsheviks Are Mobilizing on Western And Southern Fronts.

By H. WICKHAM STEED. Editor of London Times. GENOA, April 16.—Some experience in foreign affairs and some knowledge of the way of the warden of international conferences heretofore have prevented me from believing Genoa could do any positive good.

Moves for Peace Discussed. Forty-eight hours ago the air was full of rumors of an impending British proposal for a "military holiday." These rumors were, however, of an uncertain but easily guessed nature, plans for a military holiday or even the promotion of a formal engagement of the powers not to attack each other for ten years have been postponed—some say a few days, some say until toward the end of the conference.

Coercive Provisions Needed. Besides, limitation of land armaments is not comparable to limitation of naval armaments. It is difficult to make a secret fleet, but it is less difficult to maintain secret armies.

Bolsheviks Are Mobilizing. Meanwhile the Bolsheviks, who, according to Tchitcherine, are anxious to support every proposal for ending the high seas blockade, are rushing troops to their western and southern frontiers. Under the pretext of military exercises an extensive mobilization has been carried out. Trotsky has in the past made mention of the military preparations of the Bolsheviks.

Reds Win Social Recognition. Impatient souls who complain that the conference has been too long in coming to a decision, are not yet impatient with the Bolsheviks who have now firmly established themselves as arbiters of the conference.

Offers to Prove CONAN DOYLE DUPE. NEW YORK, April 16.—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is challenged to a showdown on his faith in spirits by Joseph F. Rinn, of Brooklyn, a produce broker and expert magician.

"Little Men" Rue Conference At Genoa, Gibbs Declares

Minds of Delegates Narrowed to National Interests, He Says—Truth Telling Would Accomplish Much. By SIR PHILIP GIBBS. It is still possible that something will happen at Genoa to make that conference an important milestone on the long uphill road of world progress toward peace and prosperity.

The Men Who Know. I have met some of these men in Paris, Rome, Berlin, Vienna, Moscow, Constantinople, New York and London. They are men who know. They are men who understand. It is their business to feel the pulse of the people, to study the secret tides and currents of political thought and action and to report the facts of life.

SENATE FACES LONG STRUGGLE ON TARIFF BILL

Controversy Involves Almost Every Schedule Of Proposed Act. DELAY IS PROBABLE Leaders Admit Final Vote May Be Put Off To Next Winter. Proposed duties in nearly every schedule in the tariff bill are involved in controversies which will be carried to the floor of the Senate.

Disagreement Over Dye Embargo. A summary of the situation with respect to the various schedules in the tariff bill follows: Schedule 1. Chemicals, oils and paints—Extension of the present tariff on dyes for one year, together with authority to the President to extend it for one additional year is not entirely pleasing either to importers or to manufacturers who urged the need of a three or five-year embargo.

Schedule 2. Earths, earthenware and glassware—Manufacturers are hopeful of a higher rate of duty on their product than was approved by the Finance Committee, which was influenced by the plea of the steel industry for lower duties on its raw materials.

Schedule 3. Metals and manufactures of—Producers of manganese, which was restored to the free list by the Finance Committee, will seek to have the Senate approve the duty proposed by the House.

Want Duty on Shingles. Schedule 4. Wood and manufactures of—Pacific Coast interests may seek to have a duty placed on shingles, which are made in the House bill, but are of the free list in the Senate measure.

PLOT TO SHOOT COLLINS FROM AMBUSH FAILS

Free State Chief Fired on After He Denounces De Valera. ONE OF ASSAILANTS IS APPREHENDED "Easter Nerves" Paralyze Erin and New Discard Is Feared.

DUBLIN, April 16.—Gunnmen fired from ambush on Michael Collins, head of the Irish provisional government, as he was returning from Naas after a speech late today. Collins was uninjured, and one of the assailants was captured.

The attempt on the life of Collins came just as it was believed the Easter holiday would be passed over quietly. It is now feared that this attempted assassination may stir up new bitter feeling and provoke new disorders.

Heavy Firing Near Jail. "Easter nerves" paralyzed Ireland today. Provisional forces were on the alert for an outbreak that was feared from some quarters. Every fort and stronghold that figured in the rebellion of 1916 was occupied.

Collins Attacks De Valera. Wires are down and communication is cut off in many places, partly due to the insurgents and partly to the sale Saturday, which was especially violent at Tyrone, where several houses were wrecked. Considerable damage was also done at Strabane, where the pedestrians were swept off their feet.

Their "Inevitable Sin." "It is our opponents and their wrecking tactics who are upsetting the peace of Ireland," Collins declared. "Why has De Valera taken on the ways of anarchy? Because the people of Ireland were unwilling to allow him to think and decide for them. This is their unfortunateness. That's why they are being deprived of their constitutional right to choose their own government."

Aviators Killed In 150-foot Fall. Near Landing in Mud, Plane Rises, Then Crashes as Gas Fails. DALLAS, Tex., April 16.—Lieut. L. F. Little and his mechanic, Sergt. J. L. Johnson, army aviator attached to Kelly Field, met a spectacular death here today when their plane fell from a height of 150 feet, while they were flying within the city limits.

GEN. CHANG HOLDS TIENTSIN IN VISE. TIENTSIN, April 16.—Gen. Chang Tso-lin's troops, aggregating 50,000 men, are still in danger late today and an official check was being made of the damage done by the unprecedented high waters of the week just ended. Fair weather today held the tide back, but the crest of the flood stage had been passed, and toward midnight rains were reported generally in the Middle West section.